

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-6 and add claim 7 as shown below.

1. – 6. (Canceled)

7. (Added) In a computer system having a plurality of nodes, each node having access to a shared database and also having local storage, wherein at least one of said plurality of nodes includes a redo log in local storage for said node, said redo log including information regarding data in said shared database, a method of performing a backup operation of said shared database comprising:

- selecting one of said plurality of nodes to perform said backup operation;
- obtaining information regarding a directory location of said local redo log for said at least one node;
- setting said local redo log to be read/write accessible by said selected backup node;
- using said selected backup node to access data in said shared database and also in said local redo log to perform said backup operation.